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Individuals come to success through different ways. However, people may agree on one fact, that hard working is the mother of success. Madam C.J walker was one of those individuals who later came to success. I was inspired by walker's hard work, courage, and donation.

One of the best qualities of walker was her hard working habit. She found her first factory and hair salon in Indiana. However, she didn't stop there. Instead, she expanded her market and ventured beyond United States, Cuba, Jamaica and other countries. All of these economical achievements were not gained out of nothing, but through hard work and restless effort. She didn't just sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. She work hard and made them real in her life.

When walker opened her hair care and cosmetic empire, only few women dared to imagine owning a business. However, Walker kept running until she achieved her dream in life. She knew that there would be many challenges in her way, but she never gave up. In this regard, her courage was the secret of her big success. She wasn't educated. She wasn't from white family. She wasn't raised by her parents. However, all this didn't limit her from success. That was really the result of her courage.

I was also inspired by Walker's kindheartedness. She has donated for several organizations on their need. The first donation she did was to the Young Christian Men Association (YCMA) building fund. She also awarded prizes for those who had sold the most products as well as to the women who had participated and contributed in charity. In addition, she has donated \$ 5,000 for the National Association, for the advancement of Colored People Anti-lynching Fund.

In the long ride Walker didn't stop even for short break. She began to drive her life train from uneducated laundress woman to the first self-made female Millionaire. In the meantime, Walker didn't allow anyone to lead her life train. She did it herself for her passion. The reason behind her successful life journey was her hard work, courage, and kindness. The question we all should ask ourselves is, "are we really riding our life train to live our dream?"